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RESCISSION BILL VETO WILL AFFECT DISASTER VICTIMS

(Mr. WHITFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton is threatening to veto the Republican rescission bill. This rescission bill will actually pay for emergency spending by cutting money out of the current year's budget. Responsible, commonsense action like this was seldom adopted when liberals controlled Congress.

The rescission bill provides \$6.7 billion in disaster assistance to victims in 40 States, including victims in Oklahoma City, flood victims in Missouri and Kentucky, and earthquake victims in California. These victims need assistance, but the President is trying to stop the money by playing politics.

We know he is upset because we reduced funding for his AmeriCorps. But, Mr. President, don't veto this bill. It provides relief money and it is paid for. Be a compassionate President and don't make the victims of these disasters wait any longer for help.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIGGS). The Chair would remind Members that they must address their remarks to the Chair and not address their remarks to the President.

RECOGNIZING CHANDA RUBIN, PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER

(Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I take special pride in recognizing a very outstanding constituent of mine. She is a 19-year-old professional tennis player from Lafayette, LA. I speak of no other than Chanda Rubin, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Edward D. Rubin.

I am proud to say that Chanda Rubin just completed her best ever grand slam performance at the French Open. Although Chanda fell short to the defending champion in the quarterfinals yesterday, she proved to be a tough fighter. Her courage has touched the lives of many individuals, particularly young people, across this Nation. I commend Chanda for her hard work and I wish her the best of luck in the future.

BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON FUTURE OF MEDICARE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, just prior to the Memorial Day recess, I introduced legislation to establish a bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. The goal of the Commission would be to find commonsense solutions to reforming and strengthening our Medicare system. It would be patterned after the Pepper Commission that was developed to preserve Social Security. My colleagues, you should have received a "Dear Colleague" letter outlining this bill.

The Commission would submit to Congress a report that would contain its findings and recommendations regarding patterns of spending under the Medicare Program, long-term solvency of the Hospital Trust Fund, need to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse, and administration of the current program.

I believe we can all work together in a bipartisan manner. We can then preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicare system to ensure that our seniors will have access to this program well into the 21st century.

KILLING THE AMERICAN DREAM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protest another one of the Republican plans to kill the American dream.

I am speaking of the budget that was rammed through last week. This budget gutted the Student Loan Program, taking away the hopes and dreams of young Americans who will not be able to go to college. The budget plan is bad. The Republicans have betrayed the future of America by getting rid of student loans in order to cut taxes for their rich friends.

To finance this despicable tax cut for the rich, they have sold out the young people of America. There are some great kids in Alabama and elsewhere in this fantastic country who now will never be able to reach their full potential. We have enticed them and lured them to sleep with dreams of a bright future, and the Republicans have turned those dreams into nightmares.

Wake up, Alabama. Wake up, America.

SUPPORT THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, when the House resumes debate today on H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle will remind us that President Clinton doesn't like this bill and has said he will veto it.

Of course Bill Clinton doesn't like this bill. It kills three Federal agencies

and cuts spending by \$3 billion in the next 2 years. It is not his style to support such cuts.

But it also focuses on vital American interests by supporting peace and stability in the Middle East. This bill is about getting nuclear weapons out of Russia and the other former Soviet States—and locking in the gains of the cold war by supporting nations that want to join NATO.

It recognizes our enemies by cutting off aid to countries that supply weapons to terrorist states—that give aid to Cuba—or that consistently vote against us in the United Nations.

So what if Bill Clinton is threatening to veto the American Overseas Interests Act? We should still support it. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on final passage.

MEDICARE CUTS

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, under the guise of saving Medicare, the majority would make funding cuts that would have the effect of reducing benefits to Medicare recipients—and these funding cuts would be used to fund tax cuts that would primarily benefit the wealthy.

This fiscal trickery will not fool the American people.

We often hear of class warfare. Well, this majority has just given us generational warfare with its policies that make school children compete for school lunch funding with seniors on fixed incomes, whose Medicare funding in turn must compete with tax cuts for wealthy middle-aged citizens.

In this generational warfare the weapons are not missile launches but school lunches, and not stealth bombers but stealth tax cuts. And the greatest irony is that the generation that won World War II is now at risk with generational warfare being waged by this majority.

We can do better, and we can do it without pitting the American people against each other.

THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T GET IT

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, isn't it ironic that the first bill the President lost increased spending by \$17 billion, and the first bill he is going to veto cuts spending by almost \$17 billion.

Where has the President been for the past 2 years? The mandate from the people in the last election was clear—cut spending first. Gone are the days where out-of-control spending habits are the norm. This new Congress is showing that Washington must act responsibly to balance the budget. And